

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 13 as follows:

As mentioned above, request 503 may be a request to reduce the length of the retention period of a CDF. Request 503 may include, for example, the content address of the CDF whose retention period is to be reduced and may specify a new retention period for the CDF. Storage system 505 may receive request 503 from host ~~[[505]]~~ 501 and reduce the retention period of the CDF by modifying the retention period associated with the CDF. The storage system may, for example, process future requests to delete the CDF using the new retention period.